

THE POLLS: IS WAR A MISTAKE?

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Opposition to the Vietnam war is more widespread in the older generation than among youth. If you don't believe it, take a look at the age differences the Gallup Poll found when it asked whether the Vietnam war was a mistake:

Nationwide Gallup Poll results:	Per cent Considering the Vietnam War a Mistake		
	21-29 Years	30-49 Years	50 Years and Over
1966: March	21%	23%	30%
May	29	32	42
September	37	28	40
November	21	30	36
1967: May	31	34	42
July	32	37	50
October	43	43	53
1968: February	40	46	48
March	46	47	52
April	38	46	54
August	48	48	61
October	44	49	64
1969: February	49	49	57
October	58	54	63

There has never been a time when youthful doubters outnumbered older, in answer to this particular question. In the peace protests the young have shown their articulateness, their greater propensity to run in groups, and their physical vigor—not necessarily greater disapproval of the Vietnam involvement. Youth has been showing its approval of demonstrations. When the Harris Survey asked in November 1969, "In general, just as far as their objectives are concerned, do you sympathize with the goals of the people who are demonstrating, marching, and protesting against the war in Vietnam, or do you disagree with their goals?"

52% of those under 35 years of age,

36% of the middle years from 35-49, but only

28% of the 50-and-older group answered in the affirmative.

Dissent has, however, been spreading most rapidly among the young. Since 1965 objections to the war have almost tripled among the population under 30 (from 21% to 58%). Doubts among oldsters have more nearly doubled (from 30% to 63%) in the same turbulent period.

Nevertheless, toward the end of 1969 the old were still ahead in calling the Vietnam involvement a mistake. Professionals in public opinion will recognize that this is even more surprising in view of the propensity of older people not to express opinions. Those under 30 averaged only about eight per cent with no opinion on this question over the years, as compared with an average of 15 per cent without opinions among the 50-and-over. This

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Nationwide Attitudes toward:	
World War I	
World War II	
Korean War	
Vietnam War	

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leaves positive war backing among youth even stronger than the preceding table would indicate—according to this question.

The age figures are also complicated by the fact that youth is on the average more highly educated. Gallup found that the number of persons in the nation calling Vietnam a mistake rose from 24 to 58 per cent from 1965 through 1969, and on the whole, all sectors of the population were shifting opinions with remarkable rapidity. No population groups actually switched positions on the question except the educated vs. the uneducated. Over the years, Gallup found that considering the Vietnam war a mistake varied with education as follows:

Nationwide Gallup Poll results:		Per cent Considering the Vietnam War a Mistake		
		College	High School	Grade School
1966:	March	22%	25%	29%
	May	31	37	38
	September	29	36	38
	November	26	30	35
1967:	May	34	34	45
	July	42	37	49
	October	41	48	50
1968:	February	47	45	46
	March	52	48	48
	April	48	49	47
	August	53	50	60
	October	57	50	57
1969:	February	50	51	56
	October	64	56	59

During 1966 and 1967 the less education people had, the more likely they were to consider the war fruitless. Since 1968 the situation reversed—a greater volume of objections began to come from the college group. Objections among the most educated tripled (from 22% to 64%) during the same period that doubts of the least educated merely doubled (from 29% to 59%). In the course of so doing, educated dissent came to exceed that of the uneducated by late 1969.

Poll data since the 1930's also make it possible to examine the degree to which each of the four major wars of the twentieth century has provoked controversy in the United States. When nationwide samples have been asked by various research organizations whether or not they considered a particular war a mistake, opinion varied at different times as follows:

Nationwide Attitudes toward:	Years Opinion Sampled		Per cent Considering Each War a Mistake	
	From:	To:	Highest	Lowest
World War I	1937	1941	64%*	21%
World War II	1944	1948	31	14
Korean War	1950	1956	62	20
Vietnam War	1965	1969	58	24

* As actually reported on page 201 of Cantril's *Public Opinion 1935-1946* the affirmative answers were reported as 70%, negative as 30%, and 8% "no opinion" were excluded. The 64% figure given in the table resulted from a recalculation of the figures to include those without opinions, which makes the figures comparable to the other data from later years.

Never, Considerable...
(small colleges)

To no one's surprise the American public has never been sold on the validity of any war but World War II. The main interest in the foregoing figures is the clarity with which all these unrelated studies by different organizations confirm history.

Interesting also is the fact that in spite of the current anti-war furor, dissent against Vietnam has not yet reached the peaks of dissatisfaction attained by either World War I or the Korean War. In answer to quite comparable questions, in 1937 64 per cent called World War I a mistake, in 1951 62 per cent considered Korean involvement wrong, whereas in 1969 burgeoning anti-Vietnam dissent nationwide never topped 58 per cent.

Research organizations to which the *Quarterly* is indebted for permission to republish their findings are:

The Gallup Poll, Princeton, New Jersey
 Louis Harris and Associates, Inc., New York, New York
 The Minnesota Poll, Minneapolis Minnesota (MINN)
 National Opinion Research Center, University of Chicago (NORC)
 Office of Public Opinion Research, Princeton, New Jersey (OPOR)
 Elmo Roper and Associates, Incorporated, New York, New York
 Survey Research Center, University of Michigan (SRC-M)

As always, the presentation of the earliest poll results was made possible with the aid of the late Hadley Cantril's volume, *Public Opinion 1935-1946*.

All figures are based on nationwide U.S. samples except where otherwise indicated. The dates may represent either the period of interviewing or the time of publication. Questions on these findings should be directed either to the authors of the original surveys or to the polls editor of the *Quarterly*, Mrs. Hazel Erskine, 4300 Swanson Lane, Reno, Nevada 89502.

WORLD WAR I

GALLUP

Do you think it was a mistake for the United States to enter the last war (World War I)?

		Yes, Mistake	No Opinion	No Opinion
1937:	January 18	64%	28%	8%
1939:	February 2	48	37	15
	October 18	59	28	13
1940:	November 19	39	42	19
1941:	January 22	40	44	16
	March 12 (OPOR)	39	43	18
	April 8	39	48	13
	October 22	35	47	18
	December 10	21	61	18
1937 opinion:				
By sex:				
	Men	68	32	
	Women	72	28	
By politics:				
	Democrats	70	30	
	Republicans	70	30	
By size of community:				
	City dwellers	71	29	
	Farmers	66	34	

By geographic region:
 New England
 Middle Atlantic
 East Central
 West Central
 South
 Rocky Mountain
 Pacific coast

1940 opinion:

By politics:
 Democrats
 Republicans

By age:
 21-34 years
 35-49 years
 50 years and over

By geographic region:
 New England and
 East Central
 West Central
 South
 West

GALLUP

Do you think that in years to come we will say the United States should not have entered this war?

1944: February 1

GALLUP

Do you think that in years to come we will say it was a mistake for the United States to enter this war?

1944: February 2

GALLUP

Do you think you, yourself, would have entered the war if it had not been for the United States?

1944: February 2

GALLUP

Twenty years from now do you think people will look upon our entry into the war against Germany as a mistake?

1944: April 12

GALLUP

Do you think it was a mistake for the United States to enter World War I?

1946: April 10

1947: October 11

ROPER for FORTUNE

Now that the war has been over and we've had a chance to think about it, how do you feel about the way we got into the war? Do you think we had to get into the war?

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	No	Opinion
28%	8%	
37	15	
28	13	
42	19	
44	16	
43	18	
48	13	
47	18	
61	18	
32		
28		
30		
30		
29		
34		

By geographic region:			
New England	67	33	
Middle Atlantic	71	29	
East Central	74	26	
West Central	68	32	
South	61	39	
Rocky Mountain	72	28	
Pacific coast	76	24	
1940 opinion:			
By politics:			
Democrats	33	46	21
Republicans	46	38	16
By age:			
21-34 years	36	39	25
35-49 years	37	44	19
50 years and over	44	42	14
By geographic region:			
New England and Mid-Atlantic	37	44	19
East Central	43	35	22
West Central	45	42	13
South	24	55	21
West	42	38	20

WORLD WAR II

	Yes, Mistake	No, Get In	No Opinion
GALLUP <i>Do you think that in years to come people will say the United States should have avoided getting into this war?</i>			
1944: February 1	31%	54%	15%
GALLUP <i>Do you think that in years to come people will say it was a mistake for us to have entered this war?</i>			
1944: February 2	26	60	14
GALLUP <i>Do you think you, yourself, will feel it was a mistake for us to have entered this war?</i>			
1944: February 2	14	77	9
GALLUP <i>Twenty years from now do you think that many people will look upon our going into the war against Germany as a mistake?</i>			
1944: April 12	23	59	18
GALLUP <i>Do you think it was a mistake for the United States to enter World War II?</i>			
1946: April 10	15	77	8
1947: October 11	24	66	10
ROPER for FORTUNE <i>Now that the war has been over for three years and we've had a chance to think about the whole thing, how do you feel about our part in it? Do you think we had to get into the war in order to</i>			

	Yes, Mistake	No, Get in	No Opinion
<i>keep this country as you want it, or do you think it would have been better if we had kept out of the war entirely and let the rest of the world fight it?</i>			
1948: November			
National total	17	78	5
By military status:			
Veterans	12	86	2
Nonveterans	18	76	6

KOREAN WAR

GALLUP

In view of the developments since we entered the fighting in Korea, do you think the U. S. made a mistake in deciding to defend Korea, or not?

1950: August	20%	65%	15%
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GALLUP

Do you think the United States made a mistake in going into the war in Korea, or not?

1951: January	49	38	13
February	50	39	11
1952: April	51	35	14
October	43	37	20
February 1951 opinion, by education:			
College	43	50	7
High school	50	41	9
Grade school	52	35	13

NORC

Do you think the United States was right or wrong in sending American troops to stop the Communist invasion of South Korea?

1951: January	36	55	9
April 18	27	63	10
May 24	30	60	10
August 27	30	60	10
November 22	37	54	9
1952: March 19	40	50	10
June 30	38	55	7

NORC

As things stand now, do you feel that the United States effort in Korea has been worthwhile?

1952: August 28	54	39	7
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NORC

As things stand now, do you feel that the war in Korea has been worth fighting, or not?

1952: October 15	56	32	12
November 17	58	34	8
December 29	52	39	9
1953: April 1	55	36	9
June 30	58	32	10
August 21	62	27	11
November 25	50	38	12

1954: November 26

1956: September 13

By education:^b

^b The following cross-tabulations based on NORC questions with different wordings, asked in

College:

1951: April
May
August
November
December
1952: March
June
August
October
November
December
1953: April
June
August
November
1954: November
1956: September

High school:

1951: April
May
August
November
December
1952: March
June
August
October
November
December

1953: April
June
August
November

1954: November

1956: September

Grammar school:

1951: April
May
August
November
December

1952: March
June
August
October
November
December

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No,
Get in

No
Opinion

78 5

86 2

76 6

No,
Right,
Worthwhile

No
Opinion

65% 15%

38 13

39 11

35 14

37 20

50 7

41 9

35 13

55 9

63 10

60 10

60 10

54 9

50 10

55 7

39 7

32 12

34 8

39 9

36 9

32 10

27 11

38 12

Yes,
Mistake

No,
Right,
Worthwhile

No
Opinion

1954: November 26

1956: September 13

By education:^b

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College:

1951: April
May
August
November
December

1952: March
June
August
October
November
December

1953: April
June
August
November

1954: November

1956: September

High school:

1951: April
May
August
November
December

1952: March
June
August
October
November
December

1953: April
June
August
November

1954: November

1956: September

Grammar school:

1951: April
May
August
November
December

1952: March
June
August
October
November
December

19	75	6
18	76	6
15	78	7
25	66	9
34	56	10
37	54	9
26	68	6
57	42	1
45	45	10
52	45	3
41	54	5
52	45	3
49	43	8
64	33	3
43	48	9
39	54	7
41	50	9
24	69	7
28	64	8
28	63	9
36	55	9
34	59	7
38	53	9
38	57	5
55	38	7
59	32	9
60	34	6
55	39	6
54	39	7
65	28	7
63	28	9
52	40	8
55	38	7
42	47	11
32	54	14
38	48	14
39	49	12
42	47	11
50	38	12
43	45	12
42	48	10
53	38	9
57	26	17
59	29	12
54	33	13

		Yes, Mistake	No, Right, Worthwhile	No Opinion
1953:	April	57	31	12
	June	54	32	14
	August	62	21	17
	November	52	32	16
1954:	November	52	32	16
1956:	September	41	42	17
By politics:				
Democrats:				
1951:	April	23	68	9
	May	26	64	10
	December	32	61	7
1952:	March	34	56	10
	June	33	61	6
	August	47	47	6
	October	47	40	13
	November	50	42	8
1953:	April	45	50	5
	June	54	37	9
	August	59	29	12
1956:	September	35	56	9
Republicans:				
1951:	April	35	56	9
	May	38	53	9
	December	42	50	8
1952:	March	49	41	10
	June	44	47	9
	August	66	29	5
	October	68	22	10
	November	68	24	8
1953:	April	61	31	8
	June	62	30	8
	August	69	25	6
1956:	September	49	39	12
Independent or nonvoters:				
1951:	April	23	66	11
	May	30	62	8
	December	30	61	9
1952:	March	41	51	8
	June	36	55	9
	August	54	39	7
	October	61	30	9
	November	58	35	7
1953:	August	68	24	8
1956:	September	37	48	15
By geographic region:				
East:				
1952:	June	34	61	5
	November	56	37	7
Midwest:				
1952:	June	41	52	7
	November	60	32	8
South:				
1952:	June	39	53	8
	November	56	33	11

West:

1952: June

November

March 1952 opinion, by sex:

Men

Women

April 1953 opinion, by religion:

Protestants

Catholics

Jews*

* Only 40 cases.

SRC-M

Do you think we did the right thing
into the fighting in Korea last summer
we have stayed out?

1951: June

SRC-M

Do you think we did the right thing
into the fighting in Korea two years ago
should we have stayed out?

1952: November

MINN

Do you think the United States
do the right thing by entering the
in 1950?

1965: March

Minnesota opinion

By sex:

Men

Women

GALLUP

In view of the developments since
U. S. made a mistake sending troops

1965: August

1966: March

May

September

November

1967: February

May

July

October

December

1968: February

March

April

August

October

Yes, Mistake	No, Right, Worthwhile	No Opinion
57	31	12
54	32	14
62	21	17
52	32	16
52	32	16
41	42	17

23	68	9
26	64	10
32	61	7
34	56	10
33	61	6
47	47	6
47	40	13
50	42	8
45	50	5
54	37	9
59	29	12
35	56	9

35	56	9
38	53	9
42	50	8
49	41	10
44	47	9
66	29	5
68	22	10
68	24	8
61	31	8
62	30	8
69	25	6
49	39	12

23	66	11
30	62	8
30	61	9
41	51	8
36	55	9
54	39	7
61	30	9
58	35	7
68	24	8
37	48	15

34	61	5
56	37	7
41	52	7
60	32	8
39	53	8
56	33	11

West:
 1952: June
 November
 March 1952 opinion, by sex:
 Men
 Women
 April 1953 opinion, by religion:
 Protestants
 Catholics
 Jews^e

* Only 40 cases.

SRC-M

Do you think we did the right thing in getting into the fighting in Korea last summer or should we have stayed out?

1951: June

SRC-M

Do you think we did the right thing in getting into the fighting in Korea two years ago or should we have stayed out?

1952: November

MINN

Do you think the United States did or did not do the right thing by entering the Korean War in 1950?

1965: March

Minnesota opinion

By sex:

Men

Women

Yes, Mistake	No, Right, Worthwhile	No Opinion
34	57	9
60	35	5
38	54	8
42	45	13
55	36	9
55	38	7
43	45	12

41 42 17

41 39 20

16 67 17

16 73 11

16 60 24

VIETNAM WAR

GALLUP

In view of the developments since we entered the fighting in Vietnam, do you think the U. S. made a mistake sending troops to fight in Vietnam?

	Yes, Mistake	No Opinion
1965: August	24%	61%
1966: March	25	59
May	36	49
September	35	48
November	31	51
1967: February	32	52
May	37	50
July	41	48
October	46	44
December	45	46
1968: February	46	42
March	49	41
April	48	40
August	53	35
October	54	37

		Yes, Mistake	No	No Opinion
1969:	February	52	39	9
	October	58	32	10
By race:				
Whites:				
1966:	March	26	59	15
	May	36	51	13
	September	35	49	16
	November	30	53	17
1967:	May	35	52	13
	July	41	48	11
	October	47	44	9
1968:	February	46	43	11
	March	48	43	9
	April	49	41	10
	August	53	36	11
	October	53	38	9
1969:	February	53	39	8
	October	58	32	10
Nonwhites:				
1969:	October	67	24	9
By sex:				
Men:				
1966:	March	26	64	10
	May	36	53	11
	September	33	54	13
	November	28	57	15
1967:	May	35	55	10
	July	41	51	8
	October	44	49	7
1968:	February	45	46	9
	March	50	43	7
	April	48	43	9
	August	54	38	8
	October	51	42	7
1969:	February	52	41	7
	October	58	35	7
Women:				
1966:	March	25	53	22
	May	36	45	19
	September	36	43	21
	November	33	46	21
1967:	May	38	45	17
	July	41	45	14
	October	49	38	13
1968:	February	47	38	15
	March	48	41	11
	April	49	37	14
	August	53	32	15
	October	56	33	11
1969:	February	52	37	11
	October	57	29	12
By education:				
College:				
1966:	March	22	70	8
	May	31	62	7
	September	29	62	9

	November
1967:	May
	July
	October
1968:	February
	March
	April
	August
	October
1969:	February
	October
High school:	
1966:	March
	May
	September
	November
1967:	May
	July
	October
1968:	February
	March
	April
	August
	October
1969:	February
	October
Grade school:	
1966:	March
	May
	September
	November
1967:	May
	July
	October
1968:	February
	March
	April
	August
	October
1969:	February
	October
By occupation:	
Professional and business:	
1966:	March
	May
	September
	November
1967:	May
	July
	October
1968:	February
	March
	April
	August
	October
1969:	February
	October

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Yes, Mistake	No	No Opinion
52	39	9
58	32	10
26	59	15
36	51	13
35	49	16
30	53	17
35	52	13
41	48	11
47	44	9
46	43	11
48	43	9
49	41	10
53	36	11
53	38	9
53	39	8
58	32	10
67	24	9
26	64	10
36	53	11
33	54	13
28	57	15
35	55	10
41	51	8
44	49	7
45	46	9
50	43	7
48	43	9
54	38	8
51	42	7
52	41	7
58	35	7
25	53	22
36	45	19
36	43	21
33	46	21
38	45	17
41	45	14
49	38	13
47	38	15
48	41	11
49	37	14
53	32	15
56	33	11
52	37	11
57	29	12
22	70	8
31	62	7
29	62	9

	Yes, Mistake	No	No Opinion
November	26	63	11
1967: May	34	58	8
July	42	53	5
October	41	54	5
1968: February	47	48	5
March	52	43	5
April	48	45	7
August	53	42	5
October	57	38	5
1969: February	50	45	5
October	64	33	3
High school:			
1966: March	25	62	13
May	37	50	13
September	36	46	18
November	30	55	15
1967: May	34	52	14
July	37	51	12
October	48	44	8
1968: February	45	45	10
March	48	44	8
April	49	41	10
August	50	37	13
October	50	42	8
1969: February	51	41	8
October	56	34	10
Grade school:			
1966: March	29	46	25
May	38	37	25
September	38	41	21
November	35	37	28
1967: May	45	38	17
July	49	35	16
October	50	32	18
1968: February	46	32	22
March	48	36	16
April	47	34	19
August	60	26	14
October	57	29	14
1969: February	56	29	15
October	59	26	15
By occupation:			
Professional and business:			
1966: March	26	66	8
May	37	53	10
September	25	61	14
November	26	60	14
1967: May	31	60	9
July	38	55	7
October	47	46	7
1968: February	49	42	9
March	54	41	5
April	49	43	8
August	56	37	7
October	52	44	4
1969: February	54	42	4
October	59	35	6

		<i>Yes, Mistake</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No Opinion</i>
White collar:				
1966:	March	25	65	10
	May	31	59	10
	September	37	48	15
	November	27	60	13
1967:	May	36	54	10
	July	33	55	12
	October	44	45	11
1968:	February	49	42	9
	March	44	49	7
	April	55	37	8
	August	48	41	11
1969:	October	54	41	5
	February	45	45	10
	October	56	30	14
Farmers:				
1966:	March	39	42	19
	May	35	45	20
	September	52	33	15
	November	38	39	23
1967:	May	44	37	19
	July	49	40	11
	October	59	27	14
1968:	February	51	39	10
	March	57	30	13
	April	56	32	12
	August	49	29	22
1969:	October	63	31	6
	February	61	21	18
	October	56	34	10
Manual workers:				
1966:	March	22	63	15
	May	35	49	16
	September	36	47	17
	November	30	52	18
1967:	May	36	49	15
	July	39	49	12
	October	44	47	9
1968:	February	42	46	12
	March	45	46	9
	April	43	45	12
	August	50	37	13
1969:	October	49	40	11
	February	49	43	8
	October	56	34	10
By age:				
21-29 years:				
1966:	March	21	71	8
	May	29	62	9
	September	37	53	10
	November	21	66	13
1967:	May	31	60	9
	July	32	62	6
	October	43	50	7
1968:	February	40	51	9
	March	46	50	4
	April	38	54	8

	August
	October
1969:	February
	October
30-49 years:	
1966:	March
	May
	September
	November
1967:	May
	July
1968:	October
	February
	March
	April
1969:	August
	October
50 years and over:	
1966:	February
	October
	March
	May
1967:	September
	November
	May
	July
1968:	October
	February
	March
	April
1969:	August
	October
	February
	October
By politics:	
Democrats:	
1966:	March
	May
	September
	November
1967:	May
	July
	October
	February
1968:	March
	April
	August
	October
1969:	February
	October
	March
	April
Republicans:	
1966:	March
	May
	September
	November
1967:	May
	July

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Yes, Mistake	No	No Opinion
65	10	
59	10	
48	15	
60	13	
54	10	
55	12	
45	11	
42	9	
49	7	
37	8	
41	11	
41	5	
45	10	
30	14	
42	19	
45	20	
33	15	
39	23	
37	19	
40	11	
27	14	
39	10	
30	13	
32	12	
29	22	
31	6	
21	18	
34	10	
63	15	
49	16	
47	17	
52	18	
49	15	
49	12	
47	9	
46	12	
46	9	
45	12	
37	13	
40	11	
43	8	
34	10	
71	8	
62	9	
53	10	
66	13	
60	9	
62	6	
50	7	
51	9	
50	4	
54	8	

	Yes, Mistake	No	No Opinion
August	48	45	7
October	44	52	4
1969: February	49	47	4
October	58	36	6
30-49 years:			
1966: March	23	53	14
May	32	54	14
September	28	56	16
November	30	55	15
1967: May	34	53	13
July	37	52	11
October	43	50	7
1968: February	46	44	10
March	47	46	7
April	46	44	10
August	48	39	13
October	49	41	10
1969: February	49	43	8
October	54	37	9
50 years and over:			
1966: March	30	48	22
May	42	39	19
September	40	39	21
November	36	41	23
1967: May	42	42	16
July	50	37	13
October	53	35	12
1968: February	48	36	16
March	52	35	13
April	54	31	15
August	61	27	12
October	64	26	10
1969: February	57	31	12
October	63	25	12
By politics:			
Democrats:			
1966: March	24	60	16
May	32	50	18
September	32	49	19
November	28	52	20
1967: May	31	55	14
July	33	55	12
October	41	48	11
1968: February	41	45	14
March	43	46	11
April	43	43	14
August	50	37	13
October	52	40	8
1969: February	47	44	9
October	59	31	10
Republicans:			
1966: March	27	56	17
May	42	47	11
September	42	43	15
November	34	52	14
1967: May	43	45	12
July	51	41	8

		Yes, Mistake	No	No Opinion
	October	54	37	9
1968:	February	53	39	8
	March	53	39	8
	April	52	39	9
	August	58	31	11
	October	57	35	8
1969:	February	54	36	10
	October	57	35	8
Independents:				
1966:	March	27	59	14
	May	37	49	14
	September	32	51	17
	November	32	50	18
1967:	May	41	47	12
	July	46	43	11
	October	48	44	8
1968:	February	47	40	13
	March	54	39	7
	April	52	38	10
	August	54	37	9
	October	53	38	9
1969:	February	59	35	6
	October	60	30	10
By geographic region:				
East:				
1966:	March	33	53	14
	May	36	47	17
	September	30	52	18
	November	31	51	18
1967:	May	37	51	12
	July	44	44	12
	October	48	42	10
1968:	February	46	41	13
	March	53	39	8
	April	48	38	14
	August	58	31	11
	October	56	36	8
1969:	February	55	36	9
	October	62	27	11
Midwest:				
1966:	March	20	63	17
	May	34	56	10
	September	36	47	17
	November	29	54	17
1967:	May	35	54	11
	July	40	52	8
	October	45	47	8
1968:	February	47	43	10
	March	47	44	9
	April	46	44	10
	August	56	34	10
	October	54	37	9
1969:	February	57	36	7
	October	62	29	9
South:				
1966:	March	27	57	16
	May	37	43	20

	September
	November
1967:	May
	July
	October
1968:	February
	March
	April
	August
	October
1969:	February
	October
West:	
1966:	March
	May
	September
	November
1967:	May
	July
	October
1968:	February
	March
	April
	August
	October
1969:	February
	October
By annual family income:	
\$15,000 and over:	
1969:	October
\$10,000 and over:	
1967:	May
	July
	October
1968:	February
	March
	April
	August
	October
1969:	February
	October
\$10,000-\$14,999.	
\$7,000-\$9,999:	
1966:	March ^d
	May ^d
	September ^d
	November ^d
1967:	May
	July
	October
1968:	February
	March
	April
	August
	October

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<i>Yes, Mistake</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No Opinion</i>
54	37	9
53	39	8
53	39	8
52	39	9
58	31	11
57	35	8
54	36	10
57	35	8
27	59	14
37	49	14
32	51	17
32	50	18
41	47	12
46	43	11
48	44	8
47	40	13
54	39	7
52	38	10
54	37	9
53	38	9
59	35	6
60	30	10
33	53	14
36	47	17
30	52	18
31	51	18
37	51	12
44	44	12
48	42	10
46	41	13
53	39	8
48	38	14
58	31	11
56	36	8
55	36	9
62	27	11
20	63	17
34	56	10
36	47	17
29	54	17
35	54	11
40	52	8
45	47	8
47	43	10
47	44	9
46	44	10
56	34	10
54	37	9
57	36	7
62	29	9
27	57	16
37	43	20

	<i>Yes, Mistake</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No Opinion</i>
	39	41	20
	33	43	24
1967: May	38	42	20
July	42	46	12
October	49	40	11
1968: February	47	37	16
March	48	39	13
April	52	36	12
August	51	37	12
October	51	39	10
1969: February	50	38	12
October	51	38	11
West:			
1966: March	19	62	19
May	39	47	14
September	35	54	11
November	30	59	11
1967: May	37	54	9
July	37	51	12
October	40	50	10
1968: February	41	49	10
March	45	50	5
April	45	45	10
August	46	40	14
October	53	38	9
1969: February	43	50	7
October	59	35	6
By annual family income:			
\$15,000 and over:			
1969: October	60	34	6
\$10,000 and over:			
1967: May	34	58	8
July	37	53	10
October	48	46	6
1968: February	47	46	7
March	53	41	6
April	47	46	7
August	53	38	9
October	56	38	6
1969: February	55	41	4
October ^a	59	33	8
• \$10,000-\$14,999.			
\$7,000-\$9,999:			
1966: March ^d	24	66	10
May ^d	35	55	10
September ^d	31	56	13
November ^d	27	59	14
1967: May	32	57	11
July	36	55	9
October	46	47	7
1968: February	44	48	8
March	50	44	6
April	46	45	9
August	52	39	9
October	54	40	6

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	<i>Yes, Mistake</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No Opinion</i>
1969: February	51	44	5
October	57	34	9
* \$7,000 and over.			
\$5,000-\$6,999:			
1966: March	23	61	16
May	35	50	15
September	34	52	14
November	26	60	14
1967: May	37	51	12
July	45	44	11
October	42	48	10
1968: February	44	46	10
March	45	47	8
April	44	47	9
August	49	35	16
October	49	42	9
1969: February	54	36	10
October	52	38	10
\$3,000-\$4,999:			
1966: March	35	45	20
May	37	47	16
September	39	35	26
November	33	48	19
1967: May	40	41	19
July	42	47	11
October	52	35	13
1968: February	50	37	13
March	51	37	12
April	52	32	16
August	56	34	10
October	56	33	11
1969: February	50	37	13
October	61	26	13
Under \$3,000:			
1966: March	27	46	27
May	39	37	24
September	44	37	19
November	40	28	32
1967: May	41	39	20
July	52	32	16
October	48	35	17
1968: February	48	28	24
March	50	32	18
April	54	27	19
August	60	24	16
October	57	27	16
1969: February	56	28	16
October	60	26	14
By size of community:			
1,000,000 and over:			
1967: May	37	52	11
July	43	43	14
October	45	44	11
1968: February	44	42	14
March	49	43	8

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April	
August	
October	
1969: February	
October	
500,000-999,999:	
1966: March*	
May*	
September*	
November*	
1967: May	
July	
October	
1968: February	
March	
April	
August	
October	
1969: February	
October	
* 500,000 and over.	
50,000-499,999:	
1966: March	
May	
September	
November	
1967: May	
July	
October	
1968: February	
March	
April	
August	
October	
1969: February	
October	
2,500-49,999:	
1966: March	
May	
September	
November	
1967: May	
July	
October	
1968: February	
March	
April	
August	
October	
1969: February	
October	
Under 2,500, rural:	
1966: March	
May	
September	
November	

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<i>Yes, Mistake</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No Opinion</i>
51	44	5
57	34	9

23	61	16
35	50	15
34	52	14
26	60	14
37	51	12
45	44	11
42	48	10
44	46	10
45	47	8
44	47	9
49	35	16
49	42	9
54	36	10
52	38	10

35	45	20
37	47	16
39	35	26
33	48	19
40	41	19
42	47	11
52	35	13
50	37	13
51	37	12
52	32	16
56	34	10
56	33	11
50	37	13
61	26	13

27	46	27
39	37	24
44	37	19
40	28	32
41	39	20
52	32	16
48	35	17
48	28	24
50	32	18
54	27	19
60	24	16
57	27	16
56	28	16
60	26	14

37	52	11
43	43	14
45	44	11
41	42	14
49	43	8

	<i>Yes, Mistake</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No Opinion</i>
April	46	44	10
August	57	29	14
October	55	34	11
1969: February	49	42	9
October	62	26	12
500,000-999,999:			
1966: March*	27	56	17
May*	36	48	16
September*	29	52	19
November*	29	52	19
1967: May	35	54	11
July	42	46	12
October	45	46	9
1968: February	47	40	13
March	50	42	8
April	47	42	11
August	58	31	11
October	56	35	9
1969: February	51	42	7
October	64	27	9
* 500,000 and over.			
50,000-499,999:			
1966: March	22	64	14
May	40	47	13
September	31	54	15
November	27	56	17
1967: May	36	54	10
July	38	51	11
October	46	46	8
1968: February	42	46	12
March	47	43	10
April	45	44	11
August	53	35	12
October	47	45	8
1969: February	55	39	6
October	62	32	6
2,500-49,999:			
1966: March	16	69	15
May	38	51	11
September	45	43	12
November	29	59	12
1967: May	32	55	13
July	38	54	8
October	50	43	7
1968: February	49	41	10
March	46	46	8
April	45	43	12
August	52	39	9
October	54	35	11
1969: February	53	39	8
October	53	36	11
Under 2,500, rural:			
1966: March	32	50	18
May	32	49	19
September	40	41	19
November	35	42	23

		Yes, Mistake	No	No Opinion
1967:	May	41	40	19
	July	45	44	11
	October	48	39	13
1968:	February	46	41	13
	March	50	39	11
	April	53	34	13
	August	50	36	14
	October	55	35	10
1969:	February	51	36	13
	October	53	36	11
By religion:				
Protestants:				
1966:	March	26	57	17
	May	37	46	17
	September	37	46	17
	November	31	49	20
1967:	May	39	47	14
	July	42	46	12
	October	47	42	11
1968:	February	47	41	12
	March	49	41	10
	April	47	40	13
	August	53	35	12
	October	54	37	9
1969:	February	52	39	9
	October	59	32	9
Catholics:				
1966:	March	22	64	14
	May	32	57	11
	September	27	54	19
	November	27	58	15
1967:	May	30	60	10
	July	36	55	9
	October	41	52	7
1968:	February	43	46	11
	March	44	47	9
	April	48	43	9
	August	50	38	12
	October	50	41	9
1969:	February	51	43	6
	October	53	35	12
Average of 1968 surveys, by church attendance:				
	Churchgoers	47	40	13
	Non-churchgoers	49	41	10

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Now let me read you some statements that have been made about the Vietnam war and the anti-Vietnam demonstrations. For each, tell me if you tend to agree or disagree. Anti-war demonstrators are right in saying the war is morally indefensible and it was a big mistake for the U. S. to be there.

1969:	November 10	50	37	13
	December 4	52	37	11

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